

KOUNTZE STAFF

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Norma Pafford	Nursery Superintendent
Joyce Palmer	Urban Ministries Coordinator

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Ushers	Kathy Englert
	Theresa Gruber

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Lorie Groenjes
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Lector	Robin Perkins
Ushers	Bob Woodworth
	Glenn Anderson
	Dan Collett
	Marcy Madison
	Mark Mahaffey
	Gary Westerman
	Ted Kaasch
Greeters	Karen Wolf
	Sharon Anderson
	Bev Troxel
Crucifer	Bailey Gittler
Acolytes	Anna Kidder
	Cameron Miller

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Steve Pera
	Ruth Pera
Lector	Bruce Anderson
Ushers	Ken Johnson
	Ken Johnson
	Lee Johnson
	Norm Sack
Greeters	Rosemary Tessin
	Julie King
Crucifer	Nicole Campbell
Acolytes	Charlie Campbell
	Torin Edwards



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Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is a vibrant, historic faith community that welcomes all and provides ministries for all ages and walks of life. We are a "City-wide Church with a World-wide Ministry" and have been worshiping, growing, and serving in downtown Omaha for nearly 160 years. If you are new to Kountze Memorial, we invite you to visit the Welcome Desk in Fellowship Hall for more information about who we are and what we do.

TODAY AT KOUNTZE

KOUNTZE CAFÉ Then join us each Sunday for a hot breakfast buffet served from 8-11 AM prepared by Jim West and the kitchen crew. The suggested donation for the hot breakfast is \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 12 and younger.

ADULT FORUM Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **THIS WEEK:** Global Missions Committee **NEXT WEEK:** Pancake Breakfast; **Special Congregational Meeting** followed by an update on the Pantry and Clinic (*Joyce Palmer*), and the Art & Landscaping Committee for Kountze Commons (*Tim Holland*)

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Edward Bock & Marie (Lamprecht) Bock given by Richard Bock; and in honor of grandparents & parents by Jeba & Pr. Inba.

ETERNAL CANDLE is given to the glory of God in honor of grandparents & parents by Jeba & Pr. Inba.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL Beginning June 17 through July 15, join us each Sunday on the 2nd floor for Summer Sunday School. Preschool 1 (2-4 yrs) meets from 9—10 AM (child care for those too old for the nursery). Sunday School (2 yrs—8th grade) is held from 10:10—10:50 AM. Watch for more information regarding our Summer Music Program. Our program will focus on Holy Communion and use the curriculum "Fed and Forgiven".

HIGH SCHOOL FORUM Join us each Sunday in the Youth Center at 10:10 AM.

June 3 Sunday

Homebound Communion
 No Sunday School (Summer SS begins 6/17)
 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
 10:10 AM Adult Forum
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)

June 4 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

June 5 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
 12:00 PM Yesterday's Youth

June 6 Wednesday

9:30 AM LYSO Planning Meeting
 12:15 PM Worship
 6:30 PM MS/HS Hangout in Youth Center

June 7 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

June 9 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

June 10 Sunday

8:00 AM Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
 10:10 AM Adult Forum
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
 12:00 PM Book Group

HOLY COMMUNION All who are baptized and trust in Christ's presence in Holy Communion are invited to commune at the Lord's Table. Children not yet communing will receive a blessing. Instructions will be provided during worship. It is the understanding of the universal Church that those who wish to commune with bread only (especially for health reasons) have communed fully.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP We believe that all are welcome in worship and encourage families to worship together. Quiet activity bags, children's bibles, and bulletins are available, as well as a Quiet Room, just off the west side of the main sanctuary, that includes a TV and a variety of toys, games, and books for young children.

ATTENDANCE CARDS All those attending worship are encouraged to fill out the card included in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND LISTENING DEVICES Please speak to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or an assisted listening device.

E-NEWS & SOCIAL MEDIA If you would like to receive our weekly e-news and monthly e-newsletter, add your e-mail address to the card in your bulletin or text your e-mail address to 22828.

NEW MEMBER CLASS If you are interested in joining our congregation, the next class will be held September 16 & 23 from 12—2 PM. Plan to attend both sessions. Lunch will be served and childcare is provided. Please indicate your attendance plans on your attendance card or call the church office and let us know if you will need childcare when you register.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH we'll meet each week on Wednesday evenings from 6:30—9:00 PM and just hang out in the Youth Room. We hope to see you there!

IT'S NOT TO LATE TO INVEST IN KOUNTZE MEMORIAL YOUTH Twelve high school members and accompanying Adults from Kountze, plus about 30,000 others from ELCA congregations from around the nation, will get together for acts of service and spiritual development, for encouraging conversations and uplifting worship. If you'd like to help, please write "Youth Trip" in the memo area of your check. Thanks.

YESTERDAY'S YOUTH Please join us, in June, on Tues. 6/5 at noon. Our speaker will be Mick McGuire. Don't miss out on his program, titled, "Adventures and Misadventures, of a Habitat Volunteer From Omaha to Mt. Everest." He will also be telling us

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY
 Spring and Summer 2018**

Summer Sunday School
 June 17 – July 15

LYSO – Lutheran Youth Serving Omaha
 June 11 – 15 (for children/youth who
 have finished kindergarten)

Picnic Potluck & Movie Night
 Friday, June 22

Vacation Bible School "Camp"
 Friday evening, July 21,
 Saturday morning, July 22
 For ALL AGES!

August 12 – Blessing of Backpacks
 (as a new school year begins)
 and our School Teachers/Workers

about a trip to Nepal! The cost is \$4.00. Please RSVP to the church office. All ages are welcome! If you have any questions, please call Sheri Tipton at 402-415-6033. Hope to see you there!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday morning, June 10, our high school, middle school, even out of high school members will serve pancakes Sunday morning. Come and enjoy some yummy pancakes and your free-will donation will support this summer's mission trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Come and eat!

LYSO – LUTHERAN YOUTH SERVE OMAHA Mark your calendars for LYSO the week of June 11 – 15. If you are an adult willing to help, please contact Pastor Paul or Kristin Boe. You can sign your child/children up online at <https://form.jotform.com/80997618224164>. Thanks.

CROWNED Sunday, June 17, 9 & 11 AM The Men's singing group known as Crowned will be joining Kountze Memorial for worship on Sunday, June 17 at both services. Crowned would very much like to thank Carolyn Sieling for accompanying them on the piano and to Pastor Olaf for allowing them to use Kountze as practice space. The gentlemen in the group truly feel like their ministry is just starting to spread and they hope their message reaches the people that God calls for them to reach. On that Sunday, if you would like to give an offering to their ministry, there will be offering buckets around the Sanctuary. To follow Crowned on their journey, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/CrownedQuartet/>

SPECIAL VESPERS FOR ALZHEIMER AWARENESS AND ALL CARETAKERS Wednesday, June 21, 7:00 PM, held at Kountze Memorial. Kountze Memorial will host a spoken Vespers in commemoration of the Longest Day to help raise awareness for those living with Alzheimer's and their care givers. That day, other events will be offered throughout the city: The Lutheran Church of the Master (2617 S. 114th Street) will offer a day-long prayer vigil from 8:15 AM – 8:00 PM; St. Andrew's Methodist Chapel (15050 West Maple Road) will likewise be open from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM for individuals or groups to come in and pray; Parsons House (14425 Eagle Run Drive) will hold a service at 2:30 PM. Denise McCown and Linda Nord have worked to spearhead this effort in honor of their father, Don Vanzago. Please join us!

PICNIC POTLUCK & MOVIE NIGHT On Friday, June 22, at 6:00 PM, all members of Kountze are invited to a picnic potluck and movie. The main dish and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side to share and a

blanket to sit upon while we eat on the Kountze Commons green space. After eating, we will go inside to watch a family centered movie in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, June 20.

"SEX AND VIOLENCE IN THE BIBLE" Join us this summer on four Wednesdays at 6:00 PM beginning July 11 for a Bible Study presented by Dulcinea Boesenberg. You can call the church office to sign up so we know how many to plan for.

SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Sunday, June 10, 2018

10:10 AM

A special congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 10, 2018 for the sole purpose of authorizing the congregation to borrow up to \$1.5 million for repairs to the church (the congregation authorized borrowing \$500,000 at the Annual Meeting—this would be an additional \$1 million). Information regarding the repairs will be presented by Paul Sum.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Saturday Attendance: 73

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 213 11:00: 70

Midweek - Noon: 6

Total: 362

Pantry Guests Served: Closed for Memorial Day

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 38

Offering:

\$18,347.38 (Regular) \$1,544.00 (Specials)

\$968.00 (In the City for Good)

Youth Ministry this Summer

High School

Two Fridays a month, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

(Date TBA in the bulletin)

at the Picha Home

12458 Osprey Lane

For dinner, fellowship, prayer

Middle School, High School

Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 9:00 PM

Hang out every week in the Youth Room

Sabbath rest is a gift from God.

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 2:23-3:6	A question about the sabbath
Monday	Deuteronomy 5:12-15	Observing the sabbath
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Slaves for Jesus' sake
Wednesday	Exodus 20:8-11	Remember the sabbath day
Thursday	Ezekiel 20:10-13	God brings the people out of Egypt
Friday	Colossians 2:16-19	Signs of false religious practice
Saturday	Psalms 81:1-10	God makes us strong
Sunday	Mark 3:20-35	Doing the work of God



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Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." **Mark 2:27-28 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Holy God, thank you for honoring times to rest as well as times to work. Help us to recall in the busyness of life the importance of listening to you and your word. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Lord, we thank you for the food before us, the friends beside us, the love between us, and your presence among us. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord your God bless you with sabbath rest and strengthen you in body, mind, and spirit.

Discuss in your home or small group:

- ☐ Talk about a law or rule you think is unfair.
- ☐ God made the sabbath a day to worship God and to simply rest from work. How is this a good thing for us?
- ☐ Sometimes religious ideas get in the way of the heart of Christianity. Some people say you can't dance, play cards, or drink alcohol and be a Christian. Would you agree? Why or why not?

Read: Deuteronomy 9:56-15.

Observing the sabbath is one of the Ten Commandments. Although Jesus challenged how it was interpreted to prevent people from doing good, the commandment is intended to protect life (including animal life). In today's fast-paced and hard-working modern societies, sabbath rest is especially needed and often overlooked. What gets in the way of worshipping and resting on Sundays (the new sabbath for the New Testament)? How could it be a reason to care for others? Sabbath time is time to rest from work, something all humans (and animals) need. When do you take time to rest and give thanks to God who cares for your daily life? Commit to observing the sabbath in your weekly routine.

Pray: **God of peace, thank you for the gift of sabbath rest to honor you and to restore us in health to love and serve others. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

In Mark 2:23-3:6, Jesus was not afraid to care for others on the sabbath, including providing food and healing. Eating with others is an important act of wellness. Take time this week to enjoy a leisurely meal with others. Include the *Mealttime Prayer* and other practices in this *Taking Faith Home* bulletin, activities that honor God and celebrate life in the name of Jesus Christ.

Consistent rituals and traditions that bless people foster healthy communities of faith. Observing the sabbath is one of those commandments that has developed a rich variety of rituals and traditions around it, some helpful to our faith and community and others, not so much (Mark 2:23-28). Taking time not to work and instead rest the mind and body and enjoy God's presence promotes health and wellbeing. In addition to Sunday rest and worship, try mini-sabbath rests by taking five to fifteen minutes during the day to remain quiet and prayerful. It is good for your mind, your body, and your relationship to God and neighbor. Begin the time of sabbath rest by singing or praying the hymn, *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1; Mark 3:20-35